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SUBJECT: PEAVY AND TOWSON - ROAD PROJECT

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1. CONTACT WITH TOWSON JULY 3 INDICATED HE HAD INFO AS REPORTED REF A. MAHHOUK IS HIS ONLY SOURCE OF INFO, HOWEVER, AND TOWSON BELIEVES MAHHOUK TENDS TO REPORT WISHFUL THINKING RATHER THAN REALITY. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY MENTIONING ITS SOURCE OF INFO ON THIS.

2. FYI: PEAVY AND TOWSON BID PROJECT WITH MAHHOUK WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT LATTER WOULD ARRANGE FINANCING. MAHHOUK APPARENTLY TURNED OUT TO BE OVER EXTENDED. ACCORDING TO TOWSON, PWD UPPING BOND REQUIREMENT TO 20 PERCENT PUT COMPANY AND MAHHOUK IN WORSE BIND AND ALSO MADE BANKS SUSPICIOUS AND MONEY EVEN MORE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN.

3. TOWSON INTEREST IN PROJECT HAS WANED DUE TO DIFFICULTIES WHICH HAVE ARISEN. HE IS CURRENTLY WILLING GIVE UP PROJECT IF COULD DO SO WITHOUT GIVING UP BID BOND.

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THIS AMOUNTS TO ABOUT 75,000 DOLLARS AND LOSING IT WOULD PUT COMPANY IN SERIOUS TROUBLE.

4. USDOC HAS NO FURTHER OUTSIDE INFO ON COMPANY.

IMPRESSION LEFT BY DISCUSSIONS WITH TOWSON IS THAT COMPANY
IS SOLVENT, BUT HAS LITTLE ROOM TO MANEUVER. THEY
ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON SMALL PROJECT IN ABU DHABI.

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